

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1043

By Farmer

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the coaches and members of the New Center Middle School seventh and eighth grade boys' basketball team for their championship season.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body are pleased to specially honor and commend those successful school athletic teams and their coaches who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary team is the New Center Middle School seventh and eighth grade boys' basketball team, which achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2015-2016 season, amassing a 26-0 season record and winning the Pigeon Forge Shootout Championship, the Tennessee Middle School Athletic Association (TMSAA) Area 3AA championship, and the TMSAA Class AA East Tennessee Sectional Championship; and

WHEREAS, the members of this championship squad are: Camden Burden, John Fahidy, Mason Freeman, Caleb Hughes, Briggs Jones, Layne Large, Wesley Maples, Camden McElhaney, Camryn Newman, Corbin Overbay, Hunter Owens, Thomas Ownby, David Phistry, Zain Smith, and Ben Willcoxon; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of their outstanding talents, Camden Burden, Caleb Hughes, Wesley Maples, Camden McElhaney, and Corbin Overbay were named to the East Tennessee Sectionals All Tournament Team, and Camden McElhaney was also chosen as the Most Valuable Player of the tournament; and

WHEREAS, this tremendous team enjoys the extraordinary leadership and passion for the game of basketball of coaches Brad Loveday and Doran Huskey, who led the Rockets throughout their victorious season; and

WHEREAS, the Rockets also enjoyed the strong support of their principal, Dr. Dustin Huffaker; and

WHEREAS, the young men of the New Center Middle School boys' basketball team have displayed ability, teamwork, and perseverance and, with the help of their coaches, their parents, teachers, school administrators, supporters, and many fans, represented their school and the State of Tennessee in fine fashion, displaying peerless character both on and off the basketball court; and

WHEREAS, during this incredible championship season, the coaches and members of the New Center Middle School seventh and eighth grade boys' basketball team etched their names into the annals of Tennessee sports history; their dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent not only made possible a successful and memorable basketball season, but also surely point toward their success in future endeavors; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the coaches and members of the New Center Middle School seventh and eighth grade boys' basketball team for their heralded success on the basketball court during their 2015-2016 championship season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.